Drug Testing Urinalysis and Oral Swabs

530.1 PURPOSE

This policy's purpose is to provide members guidance when drug testing defendants.

530.2 POLICY

Defendants lawfully detained at the Thurston County Jail or its satellite facilities may be asked or directed to provide either a urine or oral swab sample to determine and identify any drug use. Defendants will be subject to disciplinary action for failure to provide an ordered sample.

In cases where an observed collection is required, Members will ensure that the collection is made in a private area of the facility and out of sight of other defendants. Observed collection will require two deputies. One deputy will make the observation and one deputy will be staged just outside the collections location and within hearing distance.

530.3 DEFINITIONS

Observed collection (urine)- Criminal and Disciplinary purposes

The collection of a urine sample is observed by a deputy. The deputy is ensuring that the sample provided is not adulterated and that no foreign objects are in place or used to provide a false sample. These samples are packaged and sent to an independent laboratory for processing. NOTE: observed collections are the only acceptable sample for the purpose of prosecution and other sanctions outside of Thurston County Jail internal disciplinary process.

Non-observed collection (urine)- For medical purposes

The defendant is provided an official sample cup and a private location to produce a sample. Although not observed, the sample cup should be provided once the defendant is at the collection location and retrieved immediately upon exit. In most cases non-observed samples are collected for a medical screening or when prosecution or discipline is not desired. These samples are tested by medical with a quick stripe test that identifies various drugs within the defendant's system.

Oral swabs (mouth swabs)- Generally Correctional Options programs

Oral swabs are specially treated que tip like probes that is provided to a defendant or used by a deputy to gather a sampling from the inside of a defendant's mouth/cheeks. These are then packaged and sent to an independent laboratory for testing and are typically used for Corrections Options program participants.

Urinal Hat-

A urinal hat is a reinforced plastic specimen collection pan. This pan is typically used for collecting urine samples from female defendants. The pan is placed under the seat of the toilet and the defendant is instructed to void into the specimen pan. The sample is then transferred to an official urine cup for packaging and testing. This tool is generally used only for observed collections.

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530.4 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

If the investigating deputy is seeking prosecution and/or other internal sanctions when drug use is suspected, an observed collection must be used. This sample is now evidence, deputies should ensure that the proper chain of custody is followed.

530.5 CORRECTIONAL OPTIONS PARTICIPATION

Those defendants who are authorized to participate in a Correctional Options program are subject to regular drug testing. Generally, this testing will be conducted using the Oral Swab method of collection. Urine collections will only be conducted with the permission of the supervisor within that area.

530.6 MEDICAL SCREENING

Those defendants arriving at the jail who identify during the booking process that they are or have used illicit drugs will have that information clearly noted on the medical screening form. Upon reviewing the intake medical screening forms, medical staff may attempt to get a voluntary sample for the purpose of providing medical care that is appropriate for that defendant. This is typically obtained by a Non-Observed urine sample collection and tested onsite with quick stripes. If a defendant tests positive during a medical screening those results will not be used for prosecution or disciplinary purposes. Should a deputy open an investigation following the medical screening, a separate observed sample should be collected and processed following the criminal investigation process listed above.

530.7 COLLECTED SAMPLES PROCESSING

Oral swabs or observed urine samples should be sealed, labeled, and placed in the official transport bag. Those sample bags are then placed in the lockbox located in the medical vestibule. Members will provide a notice to the Inmate Services Lieutenant and Sergeant that a sample(s) have been added. They will make a notification to the courier to pick up the samples.

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